

SATURDAY



Weather

Partly cloudy and a little cooler, with west winds at 10-20 mph. Clear tonight.

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Hohokam pottery

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Obstetricians starting to bail out
Some Tucson doctors say 50% insurance hike is last straw

By Cynthia Hubert

Delivering babies has apparently become too risky — and too expensive — for many Tucson doctors.

In the face of sharply rising malpractice premiums, obstetricians across the city are reluctantly choosing to restrict their practices to gynecology, some of the specialists said yesterday.

Since April 1, when a 50 percent increase in insurance rates for Arizona obstetricians took effect, eight doctors have notified Tucson Medical Center that they will no longer deliver babies there. More infants are

born at TMC than at any other hospital in the community.

"They are giving up the business, once and for all, and a lot of them are young," said Dr. James F. Blume, an obstetrician who will soon take office as TMC's chief of staff.

Blume said malpractice premiums are forcing obstetricians throughout Arizona to surrender what it, in many ways, the most satisfying aspect of their practice.

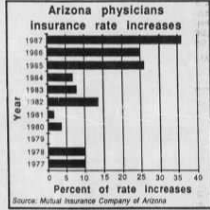
Those who continue to deliver babies will be forced to raise prices to consumers, he and others predicted.

"Obstetricians deliver babies because they like it. It's their avocation. And they are unbelievably bitter that they are being forced out of business," Dr. Arthen Dixon said.

Dr. Herbert E. Pollock, who has practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 28 years in Tucson, said he will stop delivering babies as of July 1. The insurance increase "was the salient feature" in his decision, he said.

"I am giving up obstetrics with great reluctance, and I want to leave while I still have a good taste in my mouth," he said.

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Source: Mutual Insurance Company of Arizona

Ex-Teacher of the Year takes blame

Misunderstanding led to resignation

By Jane Erickson

A misunderstanding that was never corrected led to the resignation of Arizona's Teacher of the Year, the teacher and his principal said yesterday.

Teacher Don Bailey said yesterday that he accepts full responsibility for the incident.

Bailey, a sixth-grade teacher at San Hughes Elementary School in the Tucson Unified School District, resigned the honorary post after it was learned he stated falsely on his Teacher of the Year application that he had a doctoral degree from the University of Arizona.

Bailey confirmed yesterday that he holds a doctorate from a non-accredited school in California. Sam Hughes Principal Chuck Tyree said yesterday that a school secretary prepared Bailey's application, which says he holds a doctorate from the U.A. Tyree said Bailey had

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Astronomer's death is blow to research

By C.T. Revere

University of Arizona astronomer Marc A. Aaronson, 36, was studying the movement of distant galaxies when an accident ended his life.

The nationally renowned astronomer was killed at Kitt Peak National Observatory on Thursday night when a metal door slammed shut, crushing him as he climbed outside to check the weather, a sheriff's spokesman said.

Aaronson's team had just finished calibrating the Mayall 4-meter telescope at about 4:20 p.m. when the accident occurred, said Carl Posey, a spokesman for the observatory.

The telescope — one of the largest in the world — and its 500-ton rotating dome were being positioned for the night's observations, he said.

The dome was moving when Aaronson opened the stationary hatchback door directly below it. Posey said, Aaronson apparently intended to climb out onto a catwalk below the dome, he said.

When the door opened outward, a switch automatically turns off the motor driving the dome.

"But a 500-ton dome has a lot of momentum," he said.

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The Bakkers at the conference: "Tammy and I are alive. We may not be too well"

Bakker won't fight for PTL, 'will never minister again'

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Disgraced television evangelist Jim Bakker said yesterday that he and his wife won't fight to regain leadership of the \$128 million PTL empire and that "without a miracle of God, we will never minister again."

Bakker, in his first news conference since the disclosure of the sex scandal that led to his downfall, also said he has never been in a prostitute or engaged in wife-swapping, and he denied accusations that he is homosexual.

"We hope all of the people we love so much will forgive us and help us to go on," Bakker said. He said he and his wife, Tammy Faye, would forgive their accusers and were not going to spend the rest of our life hating people.

"Tammy and I are alive. We may not be too well," Bakker said. "Barely" Mrs. Bakker tearfully interjected at the brief meeting with reporters outside their home here.

Falwell took control in March

The Rev. Jerry Falwell took control of PTL in March at Bakker's request after Bakker admitted he had had a sexual tryst with church secretary Jessica Hahn in 1980. On Tuesday, the new PTL board severed all ties with Bakker following revelations that Bakker founded religious headquarters in Fort Mill, S.C., officials said April 1986 was up 20 percent over April 1986 at Heritage USA, the Bakker-founded religious theme park. Visits for the year to date were up 23 percent, officials said, without giving specific figures.

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In other developments yesterday: Former Interior Secretary James Watt, in Jackson, Wyo., said he was resigning from the new PTL.

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Israeli jets kill 13, wound 35 in heavy raid on PLO bases

SIDON, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli jets blasted Palestinian guerrilla bases near this southern port city yesterday, killing 13 people and wounding 35 in their heaviest air raid this year, police said.

Six guerrilla command posts belonging to the three main factions of Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization were destroyed in the 55-minute attack on Sidon's refugee camp of Ein el-Hilwan and Mish Mish, police said.

A PLO spokesman said six fighters and seven civilians were killed. "Among them were two children less than 4 years of age," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

It was the highest toll of Israel's 12 air raids this year.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli army statement said all planes returned safely.

According to police and fighter-bombers at 4:35 p.m., firing dozens of rockets on the two camps and nearby hills.

The jets fired 18 rockets into the main square of Mish Mish, where most of the casualties occurred, and a pall of black smoke hung over the camp after the attack, one reporter said.

Police said the command posts targeted in the strikes included a two-story headquarters of Arafat's mainstream Fatah guerrilla group in Mish Mish. Reporters said the building was flattened.

Other targets belonged to George Habash's Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Sawan's Maoist-oriented Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The reporter said ambulances raced in and out of the targeted camps for about two hours bringing victims to hospitals in Sidon, which

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Pontiff beatifies Jewish-born nun, urges fight against anti-Semitism



Sister Teresa, born Edith Stein

By Samuel Koo
The Associated Press
COLONE, West Germany — Pope John Paul II yesterday beatified a Jewish-born nun whom the Nazis killed at Auschwitz, and he urged Christians and Jews to unite against "all new forms of anti-Semitism."

As the spiritual leader of the world's 800 million Roman Catholics spoke at a soccer stadium, about 1,200 leftists and Greens chanting "Pope, get lost!" marched to Cologne's Gothic cathedral to protest Vatican opposition to abortion, birth control and divorce.

The crowd, including naked women and a naked man, dispersed peacefully after an hour-long rally.

A Roman Catholic Church burned down yesterday morning in Rheinfelden, just a mile from the stadium, and a police official there said it was caused "in great probability" by arson.

The official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said the blaze may be connected with the pope's visit, although police received no claim of responsibility.

John Paul's second day in West Germany ended. See PONTIFF, Page 2A

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